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**Cover:** *Reunion and celebrations of friends, families and loved ones marked the beginning of the holiday season for 1st Armored Division families and soldiers as KFOR 2A soldiers redeployed. Photos by Cpl. Gregory Withrow, 1AD Public Affairs Office; design by Kerri Schools, 1AD PAO graphic artist.*

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Maj. Gen. George W. Casey, Jr.

Each year, during the month of February, we explore the history of Black Americans and discover a treasury of accomplishments that have value to all Americans. The century on which we have just embarked offers us a unique opportunity to write additional chapters in the history of Black Americans and

of our great Army.

This year's Black History Month theme is "Creating and Defining the African American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Cultures." Alice Henderson created religious history, as she became the first Black woman chaplain in the U.S. military. James W. Ford, Shirley Chisholm and Jesse Jackson, who were all presidential candidates, have helped to redefine politics. Poets and writers such as Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, Larry Elder and Gwendolyn Brooks have defined culture in their writings. Now, African Americans have opened yet another new chapter in our collective history with the appointment of Colin Powell as the first Black Secretary of State. These stories are not only an important part of African American history, but are essential parts of Ameri-

can history.

I ask each Iron Soldier to take time this month to learn more about the numerous contributions Black Americans have made to our society and our Army. We must teach our children that men and women of every race, creed and ethnic background have written America's story. We must also ensure that our words and actions respect the rights and dignity of everyone. Commanders are encouraged to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to attend one of the Black History Month presentations and to develop events and programs of their own to recognize the contributions of Black Americans.

**IRON SOLDIERS!  
DIGNITY AND RESPECT!**

Story by Master Sgt. Lisa A. Hunter  
*1AD Public Affairs NCOIC*

Just one look at the division's training calendar is enough to discourage most Bad Kreuznach-based 1AD soldiers from moving to Wiesbaden early, but there are some significant perks to making the move early, according to Maj. William Hollingsworth, assistant division engineer in charge of restationing.

"Families who move early may get to choose from a couple of sets of quarters, as opposed to just being assigned a set," Hollingsworth said. "For those families who require

## 1AD on the move...Restationing update

daycare, this is a great time to sign up and get settled in."

The division is allowing the soldiers and families to pick the timeframe in which they move, as long as their move is completed by Sept. 1.

Many families are choosing to move in June, in conjunction with the end of the school year. Others may not want to move because they don't want to commute for work each day.

But with so many families waiting until the summer to move, it will definitely present some logistical challenges, according to Hollingsworth.

He explained that transportation will be tightly committed during the summer because not only families and soldiers will be moving, but 1AD offices will be on the move, as well.

Soldiers interested in moving to Wiesbaden early should contact their Personnel Assistance Centers to find out what they need to do to schedule a move date.

*For more information on the Wiesbaden community, call the Wiesbaden Army Community Center Relocation Assistance Office at DSN: 337-5034/5754 or Civilian: 0611 816-5034/5754 or the Wiesbaden Community website at <http://wiesbaden.army.mil>*